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In re application of

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For: FLUORINE-CONTAINING ELASTOMER AND COMPOSITION THEREOF FOR CROSSLINKING

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

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2. (Twice Amended) A fluorine-containing rubber composition for crosslinking, which comprises a fluorine-containing elastomer having a carboxylic acid group present at both ends of a trunk chain as a crosslinkable group.

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3. (Amended) The fluorine-containing rubber composition for crosslinking of Claim 2, wherein the fluorine-containing elastomer has a carboxylic acid group at an end of a branched chain as a crosslinkable group.